

## WORKFORCE AT A GLANCE

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### Statewide Overview

Please see page 3 for additional information reflecting the effects of both Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the business and household surveys in Louisiana.

Seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment for Louisiana was estimated to be 1,784,900 for August 2006. This represents an increase over the month of 4,400 jobs, while reflecting a decline over the year of 175,300 jobs. The largest increase over the month was seen in construction, while educational and health services provided the largest over-the-year decrease.

Over the month, eight sectors showed an increase in employment from July. Construction gained 2,100 positions, manufacturing, 1,600, and government increased by 1,100. Leisure and hospitality; trade, transportation, and utilities; natural resources and mining; professional and business services; and other services all gained 500 jobs or less. Educational and health services showed a decline of 1,700, while financial activities dropped by 300, with information remaining constant.

Over the year, educational and health services declined by 43,700 jobs. Leisure and hospitality lost 39,000 from last August, and trade, transportation, and utilities declined by 20,400. Other losses were seen in professional and business services, 18,600; government, 13,900; other services 13,300; construction 11,400; manufacturing, 9,200; financial activities, 5,700; and information, 2,100. Natural resources and mining showed the only increase over the year, gaining 2,000 jobs.

The August preliminary seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Louisiana was 3.4 percent, an increase from the July rate of 2.9 percent. The national unemployment rate for August was 4.7 percent, a decrease from the July rate of 4.8 percent. Total unemployment in the state for August was 63,477. The state civilian labor force increased to 1,847,185, with an decrease in total employment to 1,783,708.

### Economic Indicators

#### Seasonally Adjusted

##### Civilian Labor Force

Labor Force	151,698,000	1,847,185
Employed	144,579,000	1,783,708
Unemployed	7,119,000	63,477
Unemployment Rate	4.7	3.4

#### Preliminary

#### AUGUST 2006

	United States	Louisiana
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#### Nonfarm Wage and

#### Salary Employment

	AUG 2006 United States	AUG 2006 Louisiana
Total Nonfarm	135,500,000	1,784,900
Nat. Resources and Mining	686,000	48,300
Construction	7,521,000	111,300
Manufacturing	14,225,000	145,500
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,036,000	366,200
Information	3,059,000	28,400
Financial Activities	8,334,000	94,900
Professional and Business Services	17,393,000	174,200
Educational and Health Services	17,794,000	213,400
Leisure and Hospitality	13,072,000	173,700
Other Services	5,397,000	58,600
Government	21,983,000	370,400

#### Average Hours & Earnings

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

#### Natural Resources & Mining

	AUG 2006 United States	AUG 2006 Louisiana
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 913.10	\$ 996.22
Average Weekly Hours	46.0	44.1
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.85	\$ 22.59

#### Manufacturing

	AUG 2006 United States	AUG 2006 Louisiana
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 692.19	\$ 751.02
Average Weekly Hours	41.3	44.1
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.76	\$ 17.03

#### Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities

	AUG 2006
<b>Claims</b>	
Initial New & Renewals	11,312
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	77,951
<b>Insured Unemployment Rate</b>	1.2
<b>Benefits</b>	
Number of First Payment	4,748
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 14,833
Weeks Compensated	76,574
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 195.49
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	16.1
<b>Exhaustions</b>	2,291

#### United States Consumer Price Index

	AUG 2006
All Urban Consumers	203.9

The civilian labor force and nonfarm **estimates** are prepared according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology and are comparable with the U.S. and other states' data. For more information, go to page 14.

## Economic Comparison

<b>Seasonally Adjusted</b>	<b>Preliminary AUGUST 2006</b>		<b>Revised</b>	<b>Preliminary</b>	<b>Revised AUGUST 2005</b>	
<b>Civilian Labor Force</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>
Labor Force	151,698,000	1,847,185	151,534,000	1,851,376	149,792,000	2,124,234
Employed	144,579,000	1,783,708	144,329,000	1,798,518	142,425,000	2,004,460
Unemployed	7,119,000	63,477	7,205,000	52,858	7,367,000	119,774
Unemployment Rate	4.7	3.4	4.8	2.9	4.9	5.6

<b>Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment</b>	<b>AUG 2006</b>	<b>AUG 2006</b>	<b>JULY 2006</b>	<b>JULY 2006 Revised</b>	<b>AUG 2005</b>	<b>AUG 2005</b>
	<b>United States</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>Louisiana</b>
Total Nonfarm	135,500,000	1,784,900	135,372,000	1,780,500	133,792,000	1,960,200
Nat. Resources and Mining	686,000	48,300	682,000	48,100	627,000	46,300
Construction	7,521,000	111,300	7,504,000	109,200	7,306,000	122,700
Manufacturing	14,225,000	145,500	14,236,000	143,900	14,213,000	154,700
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	26,036,000	366,200	26,051,000	365,700	25,985,000	386,600
Information	3,059,000	28,400	3,052,000	28,400	3,065,000	30,500
Financial Activities	8,334,000	94,900	8,324,000	95,200	8,155,000	100,600
Professional and Business Services	17,393,000	174,200	17,367,000	174,000	16,932,000	192,800
Educational and Health Services	17,794,000	213,400	17,734,000	215,100	17,413,000	257,100
Leisure and Hospitality	13,072,000	173,700	13,062,000	173,200	12,860,000	212,700
Other Services	5,397,000	58,600	5,394,000	58,400	5,385,000	71,900
Government	21,983,000	370,400	21,966,000	369,300	21,851,000	384,300

### Average Hours & Earnings

<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	<b>United States (Not Seasonally Adjusted)</b>			<b>Louisiana (Not Seasonally Adjusted)</b>		
	<b>AUG 2006</b>	<b>JULY 2006</b>	<b>AUG 2005</b>	<b>AUG 2006</b>	<b>JULY 2006</b>	<b>AUG 2005</b>
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 913.10	\$ 910.50	\$ 870.46	\$996.22	\$932.14	\$967.76
Average Weekly Hours	46.0	45.8	46.4	44.1	41.8	49.2
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 19.85	\$ 19.88	\$ 18.76	\$22.59	\$22.30	\$19.67
<b>Manufacturing</b>						
Average Weekly Earnings	\$ 692.19	\$ 683.85	\$ 673.96	\$751.02	\$768.65	\$740.89
Average Weekly Hours	41.3	40.9	40.6	44.1	43.5	43.0
Average Hourly Wages	\$ 16.76	\$ 16.72	\$ 16.60	\$17.03	\$17.67	\$17.23

### Louisiana Unemployment Insurance Activities

<b>Claims</b>	<b>AUG 2006</b>	<b>JULY 2006</b>	<b>AUG 2005</b>	<b>% Change From</b>	
				<b>JULY 2006</b>	<b>AUG 2005</b>
Initial New & Renewals	11,312	12,894	12,710	-12.3	-11.0
Continued Weekly Intrastate Only	77,951	103,580	133,145	-24.7	-41.5
<b>Insured Unemployment Rate*</b>	1.2	1.1	1.6	7.1	-25.5
<b>Benefits</b>					
Number of First Payment	4,748	6,127	7,099	-22.5	-33.1
Benefits Paid (000's)	\$ 14,833	\$ 18,255	\$ 22,050	-18.7	-32.7
Weeks Compensated	76,574	94,171	116,821	-18.7	-34.5
Average Wkly. Benefit Amount	\$ 195.49	\$ 195.39	\$ 190.91	0.1	2.4
Average Duration of Claim (Weeks)	16.1	15.4	16.5	4.9	-2.1
<b>Exhaustions</b>	2,291	3,113	2,397	-26.4	-4.4

\* Insured unemployment rate is for the week including the 12th of the month.

### United States Consumer Price Index

	<b>AUG 2006</b>	<b>% Change From:</b>		<b>JULY 2006</b>	<b>% Change From:</b>	
	<b>Index</b>	<b>Prior Month</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Index</b>	<b>Prior Month</b>	<b>Prior Year</b>
<b>All Urban Consumers</b>	203.9	+ 0.2	+3.8	203.5	+ 0.3	+4.1

# Not Seasonally Adjusted State and Area Employment

The Louisiana Department of Labor, in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), continues to closely monitor the economic impact of the recent hurricanes on the business and household surveys in the affected parishes. In producing the post-hurricane estimates, BLS announced that a number of modifications were made to standard estimating procedures to better reflect the employment part the civilian labor force estimates. For a detailed explanation of the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on all of the BLS program's methodology, please go to <http://stats.bls.gov/katrina/cpscesquestions.htm>.

The total nonfarm employment (not seasonally adjusted) for Louisiana for August was 1,769,600, representing an increase of 1,400 from July. Goods producing gained 3,900 jobs over the month while service providing lost 2,500 jobs from the prior month. When compared to this same time last year, employment went down 175,100. This figure includes the natural occurrence suffered by the New Orleans and Lake Charles MSAs.

Total nonfarm employment in the Alexandria MSA was 65,200 for August. This figure shows an increase of 100 over the month and an increase of 2,600 over the year. The over-the-month gain occurred in the goods producing supersector. Both the goods producing and service providing supersectors contributed to the over-the-year gain.

Total nonfarm employment was 363,000 for August in the Baton Rouge MSA. Over the 30-day period, employment was up 600 as both goods producing and service providing employment increased 300 each. Employment expanded over the 365-day by 12,500, with service providing gaining 8,200 and goods producing 4,300.

Total nonfarm employment for the Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux MSA was 87,500 for August. The MSA had an expansion of jobs from one month ago as well as from one year ago. The increase of 300 from July was seen solely in the goods producing supersector. Goods producing employment was also responsible for the gain from August 2005.

Total nonfarm employment in the Lafayette MSA edged up to 142,000 for August. There was a gain of 800 jobs over the month and 3,900 jobs from one year ago. When compared to July, both supersectors rose by 400 each. When compared to this same time last year, goods producing employment gained 1,400 and service providing gained 2,500.

Total nonfarm employment for the Lake Charles MSA for August was 89,500. The July revised level was 90,000 and the year-ago level was 91,700. The decline from a month ago was seen in both goods producing and service providing employment. The drop from one year ago resulted as a gain of 900 in goods producing was negated by a loss of 3,100 in service providing.

The total nonfarm employment for the Monroe MSA was 79,300 for August. Employment experienced negative movement from the previous month, but had a positive change when compared to the previous year. The service providing supersector was responsible for the over-the-month decrease. The over-the-year growth occurred as service providing rose by 1,100 and goods producing dropped 100.

The New Orleans MSA recorded a total nonfarm employment figure of 436,800 for August. Employment contracted slightly over the month with a loss of 200. The decline from last year showed the impact of the area's 2005 natural disaster. Over the month, goods producing employment gained 1,500, while service providing employment declined 1,700. Both supersectors were down over the year with the service providing supersector having the greatest loss.

Total nonfarm employment in the Shreveport-Bossier City MSA for August was 180,000. This figure represents a gain of 900 over the month and 5,600 over the year. Goods producing employment and service providing employment were up when compared to July. The over-the-year expansion in employment occurred as goods producing added 1,700 jobs and service providing added 3,900 jobs.

### Key to Graphs

The following graphs have been designed to reflect the over-the-year trends in the statistical data. Below are the most frequently used abbreviations.

OTM refers to the over-the-month change in employment

OTY refers to the over-the-year change in employment

SA refers to seasonally adjusted estimates

NSA refers to not seasonally adjusted estimates

Graphs for statewide reflect seasonally adjusted (SA) estimates compared to not seasonally adjusted (NSA) data.

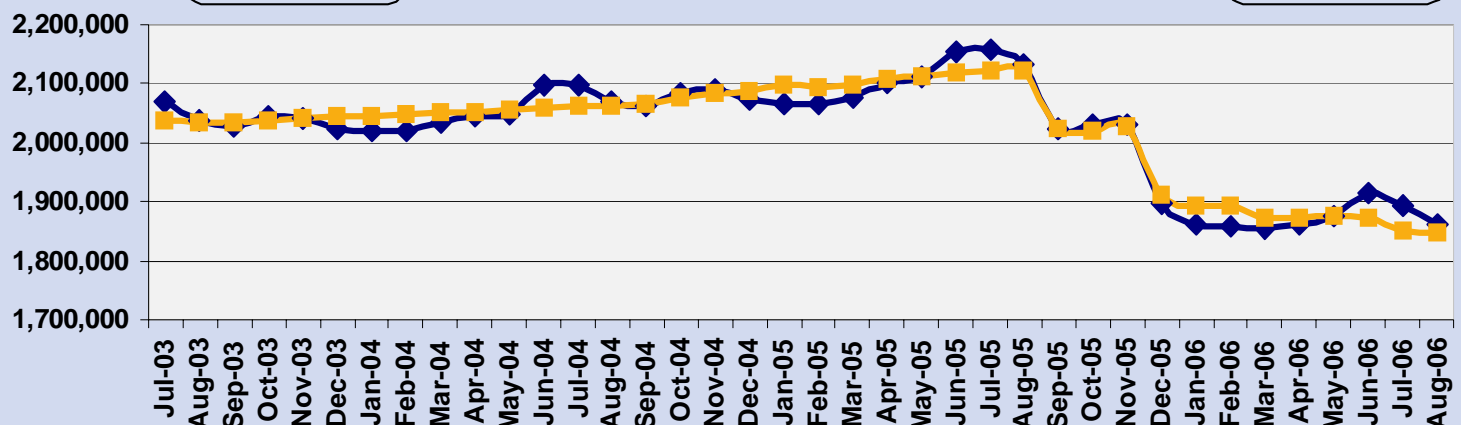
Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) graphs denote nonfarm employment levels compared to a three year red trend line of the estimated employment. The gold lines in these graphs are the over-the-month changes for each year.

August 2006

### Louisiana Civilian Labor Force

NSA  
1,860,221  
OTM: - 33,898  
OTY: - 273,945

SA  
1,847,185  
OTM: - 4,191  
OTY: - 277,049

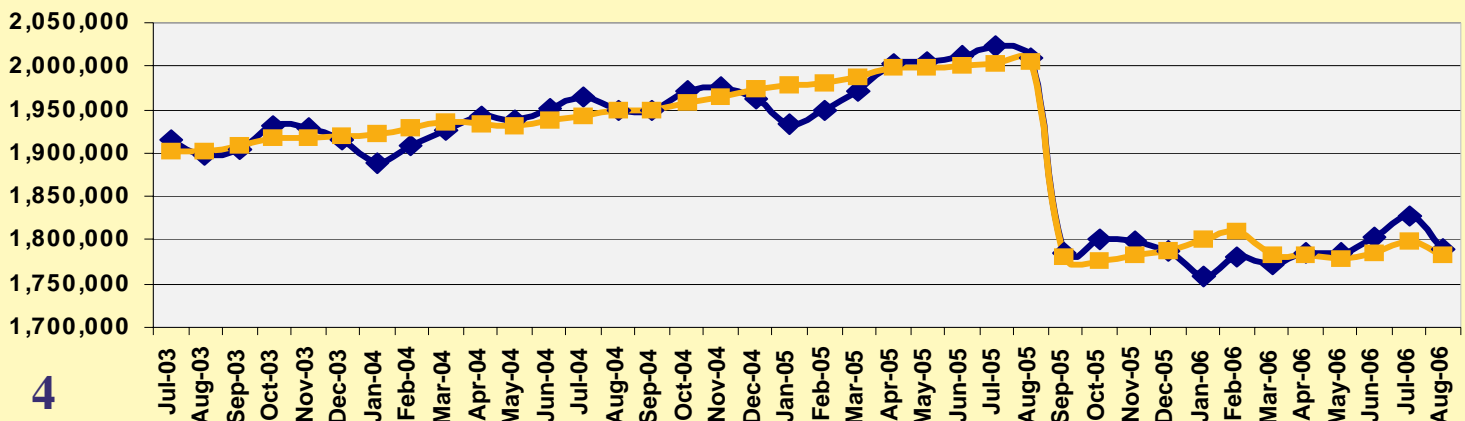


August 2006

### Louisiana Civilian Labor Force Employment

NSA  
1,790,329  
OTM: - 36,893  
OTY: - 219,841

SA  
1,783,708  
OTM: - 14,810  
OTY: - 220,752



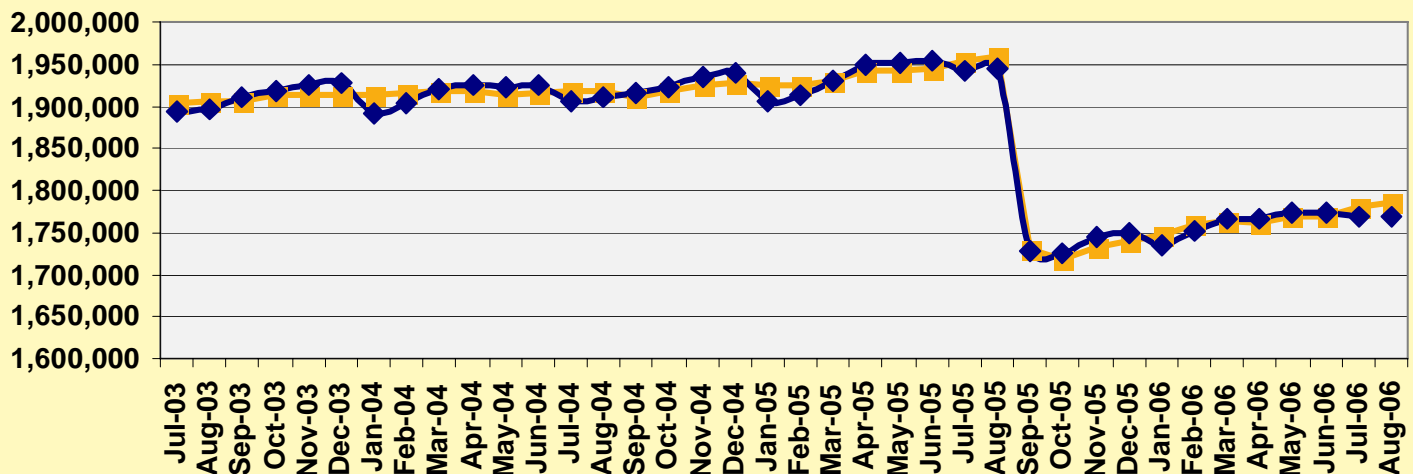
August 2006

SA  
1,784,900  
OTM: 4,400  
OTY: -175,300

## Louisiana Nonfarm Employment

SA Nonfarm NSA Nonfarm

NSA  
1,769,600  
OTM: 1,400  
OTY: -175,100

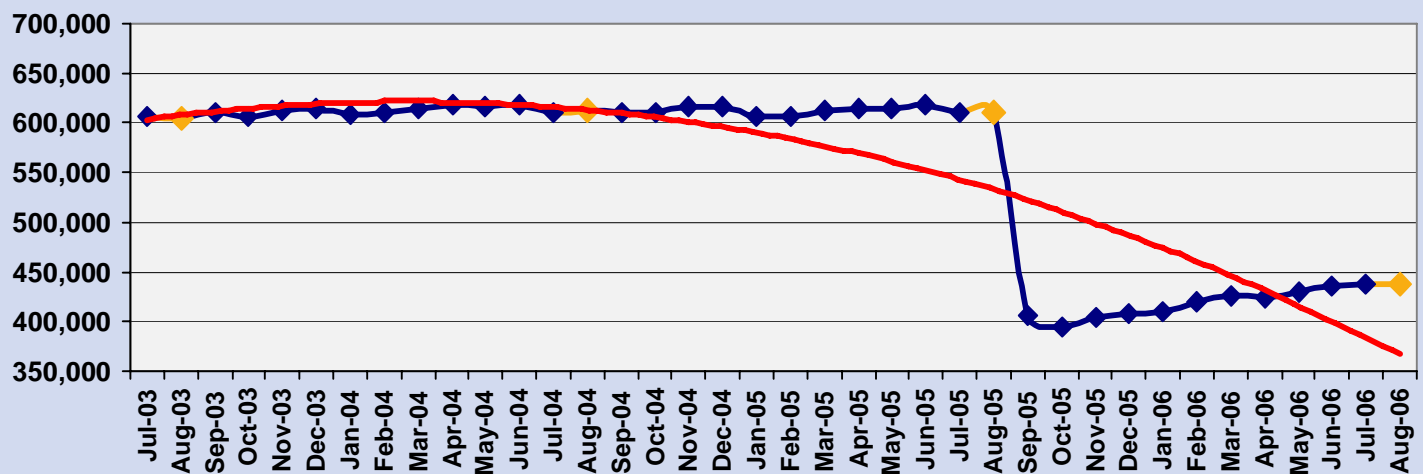


August 2006

## New Orleans Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
436,800  
OTM: -200  
OTY: -173,400

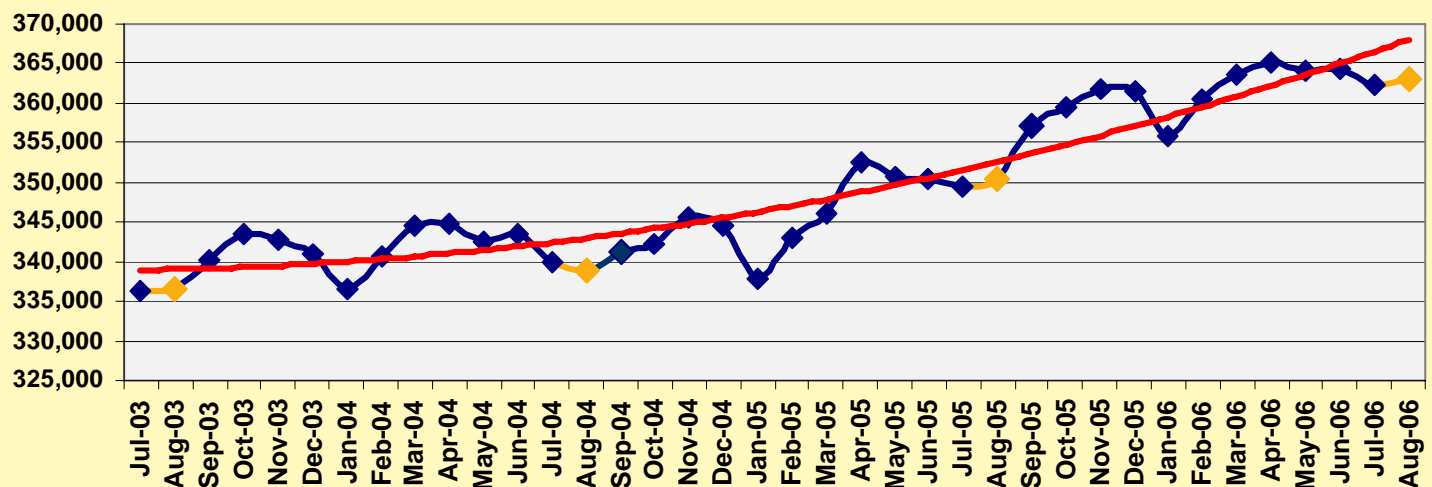


August 2006

## Baton Rouge Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
363,000  
OTM: 600  
OTY: 12,500



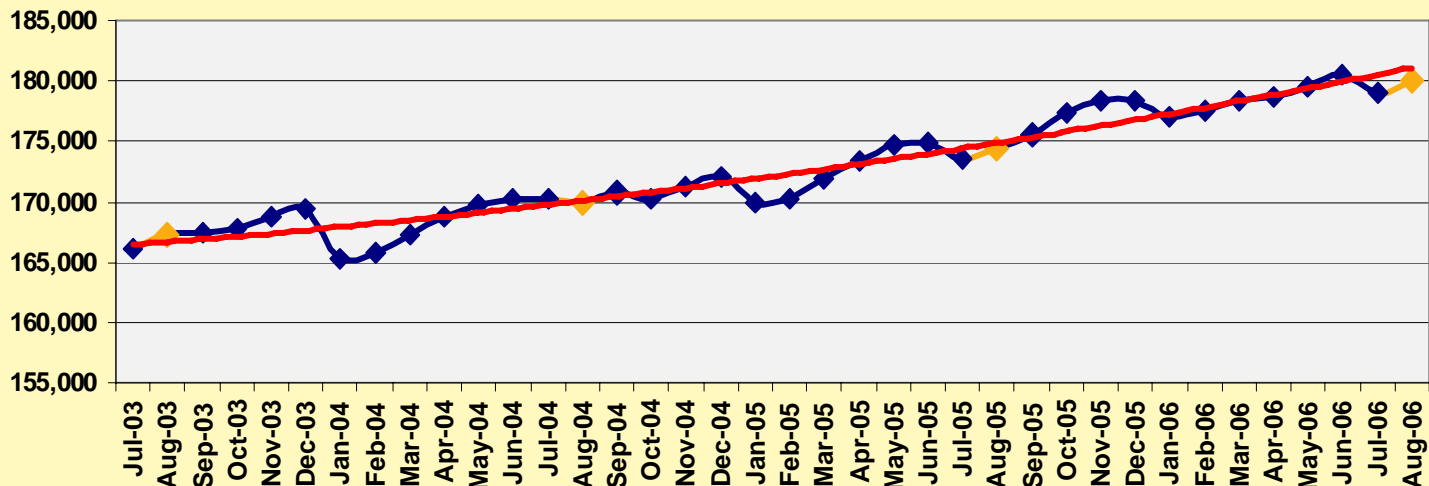


August 2006

## Shreveport Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
180,000  
OTM: 900  
OTY: 5,600

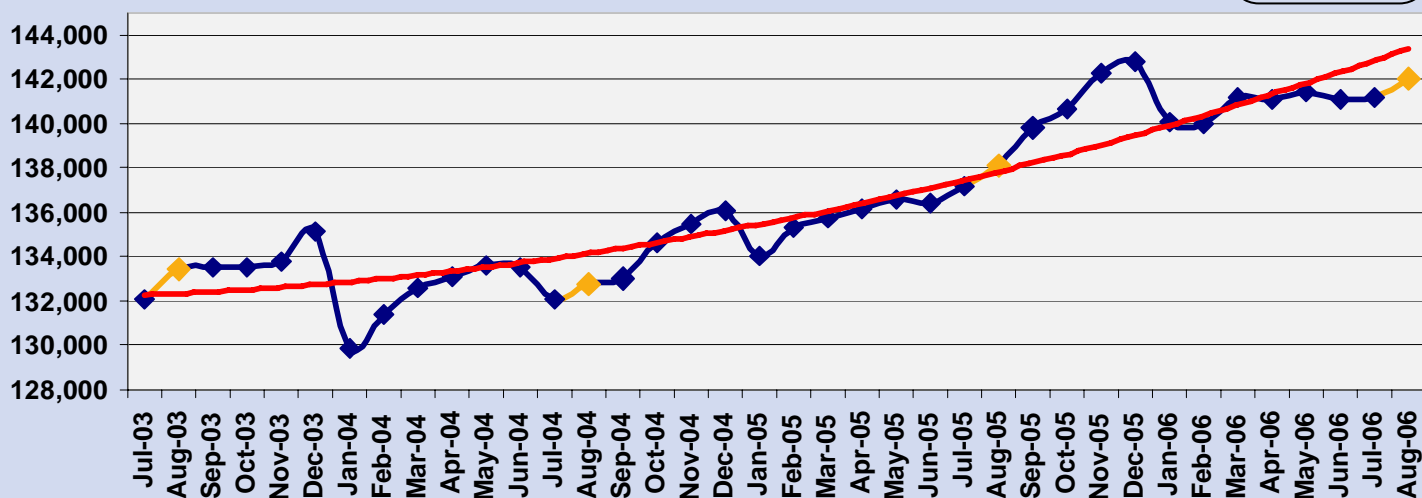


August 2006

## Lafayette Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
142,000  
OTM: 800  
OTY: 3,900

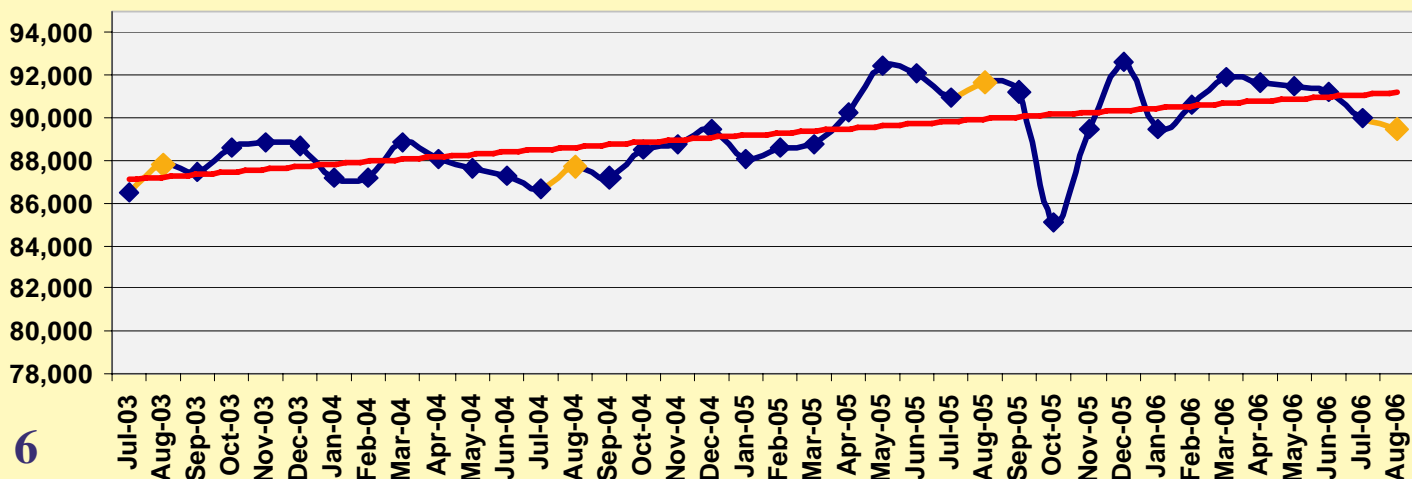


August 2006

## Lake Charles Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
89,500  
OTM: -500  
OTY: -2,200

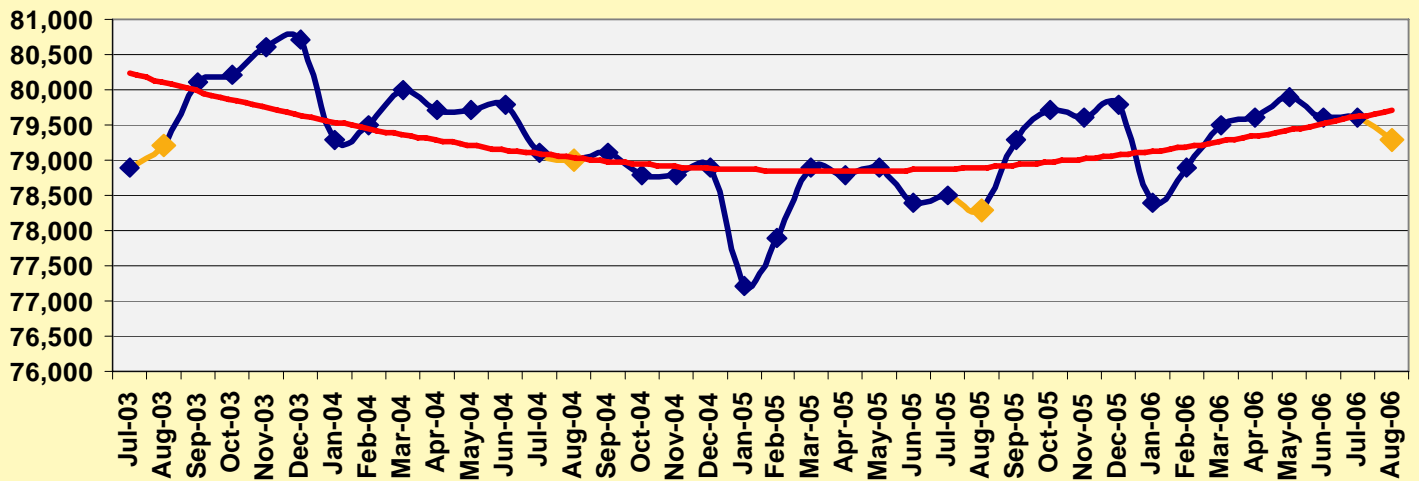


August 2006

### Monroe Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
79,300  
OTM: -300  
OTY: 1,000

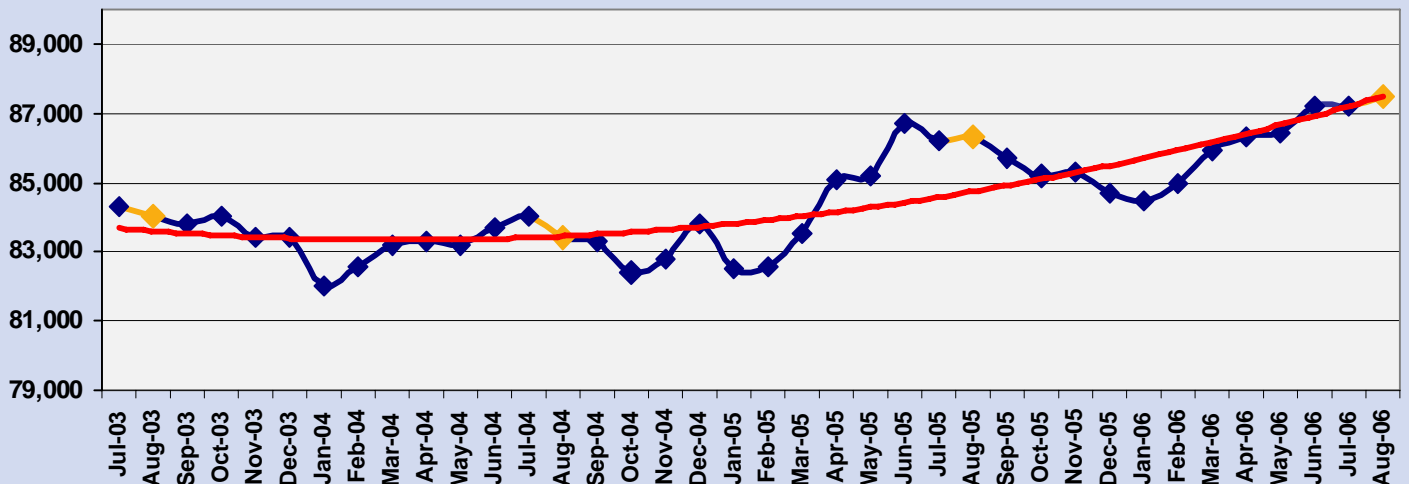


August 2006

### Houma Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
87,500  
OTM: 300  
OTY: 1,200

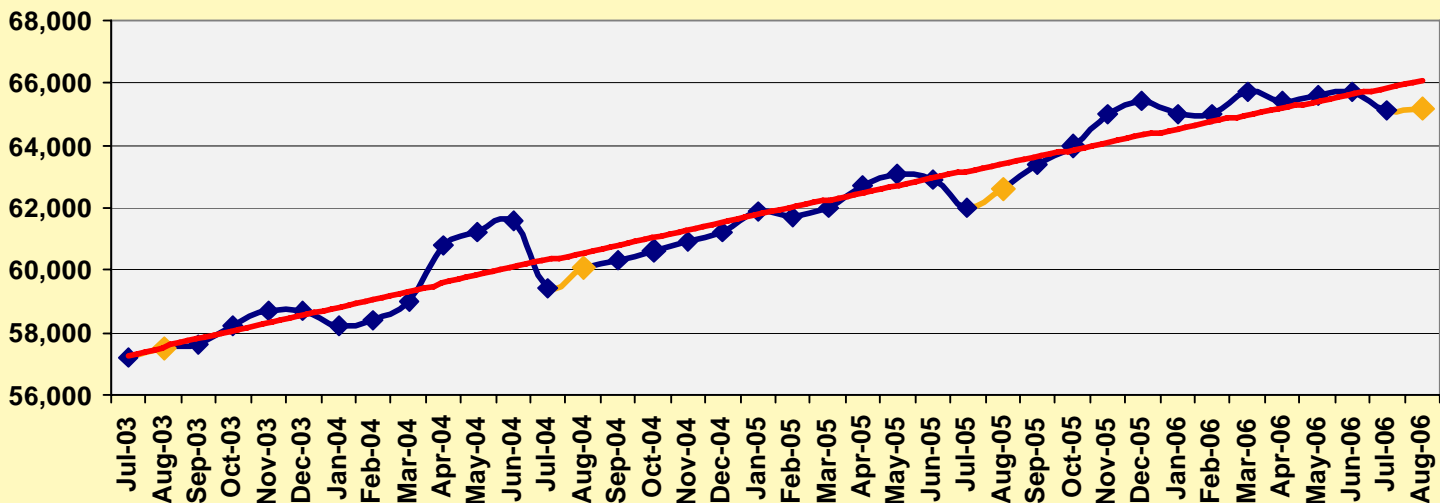


August 2006

### Alexandria Nonfarm Employment

Monthly Estimate 3 Year Trend

NSA  
65,200  
OTM: 100  
OTY: 2,600



Not Seasonally Adjusted	LOUISIANA			NEW ORLEANS-METairie-Kenner MSA			BATON ROUGE MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	AUG	JULY	AUG	AUG	JULY	AUG	AUG	JULY	AUG
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	1,769,600	1,768,200	1,944,700	436,800	437,000	610,200	363,000	362,400	350,500
Total Private	1,412,000	1,407,900	1,573,200	348,600	346,600	506,800	288,500	287,900	278,100
Goods Producing	304,200	300,300	323,000	59,900	58,400	77,100	67,900	67,600	63,600
Natural Resources & Mining	48,300	48,100	46,300						
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				31,200	30,200	38,500	42,000	41,600	37,800
Mining	45,400	45,100	43,200	10,100	10,100	8,500			
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,200	8,100	8,100	3,400	3,400	3,600			
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction	8,100	8,100	8,000						
Support Activities for Mining	35,500	35,200	33,700						
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells	8,000	7,800	7,900						
Construction	110,200	108,000	121,700	20,800	19,800	30,100	40,500	40,100	36,200
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings	26,500	25,200	24,900				9,700	9,600	8,700
Residential Building Construction	8,400	7,900	7,500						
Nonresidential Building Construction	18,100	17,300	17,400				8,200	8,100	7,600
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	33,400	32,900	35,300	6,500	6,200	7,400	13,400	13,500	12,000
Utility System Construction	20,000	19,700	18,400						
Specialty Trade Contractors	50,300	49,900	61,500	10,300	9,900	16,600	17,400	17,000	15,500
Manufacturing	145,700	144,200	155,000	28,700	28,200	38,600	25,900	26,000	25,800
Durable Goods	77,700	76,900	80,600	15,100	14,800	20,900			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	23,200	22,900	24,000	10,200	10,100	11,800			
Ship & Boat Building	14,000	14,200	15,600	7,800	7,800	9,700			
Nondurable Goods	68,000	67,300	74,400	13,600	13,400	17,700	17,500	17,600	17,900
Food Manufacturing	14,700	14,800	17,700						
Paper Manufacturing	9,300	9,000	9,800						
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	10,500	10,400	10,400	3,300	3,200	3,300			
Chemical Manufacturing	21,500	21,400	23,300	4,900	4,900	4,900	9,900	9,900	10,000
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	10,800	10,800	12,500				5,300	5,400	5,600
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments							3,200	3,200	3,100
Service Providing	1,465,400	1,467,900	1,621,700	376,900	378,600	533,100	295,100	294,800	286,900
Private Service Providing	1,107,800	1,107,600	1,250,200	288,700	288,200	429,700	220,600	220,300	214,500
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	365,100	364,300	385,500	90,200	90,800	123,300	65,600	66,000	64,600
Wholesale Trade	73,600	72,400	76,700	19,800	20,000	26,300	13,300	13,300	13,100
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	35,200	34,400	38,900	8,100	8,100	12,600			
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	28,200	27,500	27,900	9,400	9,500	9,600			
Retail Trade	212,000	212,000	226,500	44,600	44,300	67,800	38,500	38,800	38,800
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise									
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	25,700	25,600	28,800						
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	20,700	21,000	19,100						
Food & Beverage Stores	32,700	32,700	40,200	4,300	4,200	12,600	6,500	6,600	6,500
Grocery Stores	30,800	31,300	34,300	4,000	4,000	10,200	6,000	6,100	5,800
Health & Personal Care Stores	13,800	13,600	14,600	3,600	3,500	5,000			
Gasoline Stations	17,200	17,200	18,700						
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	15,700	15,500	19,500						
General Merchandise Stores	47,500	47,700	51,100	8,000	7,900	14,300	8,700	8,700	8,800
Department Stores	14,800	14,900	16,700				2,600	2,600	2,600
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	79,500	79,900	82,300	25,800	26,500	29,200	13,800	13,900	12,700
Utilities	8,600	8,700	9,600	2,700	2,800	2,800			
Transportation and Warehousing	70,900	71,200	72,700	23,100	23,700	26,400			
Truck Transportation	14,600	14,900	18,800						
Support Activities for Transportation	20,600	20,300	20,500						
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	28,400	28,500	30,500	7,700	7,600	10,600	5,700	5,700	5,500
Telecommunications	11,500	11,600	12,800						
Financial Activities	95,200	95,400	100,900	26,000	26,100	33,700	19,200	19,000	18,500
Finance & Insurance	61,000	60,800	66,000	12,000	11,800	22,800	13,700	13,500	13,300
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	34,400	34,600	35,500	8,100	8,500	10,600			
Depository Credit Intermediation	22,600	22,800	24,300	5,100	5,400	7,800	4,600	4,600	4,200
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	23,300	23,000	26,000						
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	34,200	34,600	34,900						
Professional & Business Services	173,300	172,800	191,900	47,900	47,800	74,000	40,500	40,200	38,800
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services	61,700	61,100	74,900	14,900	14,800	28,300	16,900	16,700	16,100
Legal Services	14,800	14,600	20,600	5,900	5,900	9,400			
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services	7,900	7,500	8,900						
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services	20,700	20,600	19,800						
Management of Companies & Enterprises	22,200	22,400	22,300	7,100	7,000	8,600			
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	89,400	89,300	94,700	25,900	26,000	37,100	20,100	19,800	18,700
Administrative & Support Services	83,800	83,800	88,400	23,300	23,600	35,200			
Employment Services	38,400	38,300	36,500	9,100	9,300	15,000			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings	15,200	15,300	21,000						
Educational & Health Services	211,000	211,900	254,200	46,400	47,300	79,100	41,400	41,300	41,100
Educational Services	24,500	25,500	32,300	9,500	10,400	16,600			
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools	14,800	15,200	20,600	7,300	7,700	8,900			
Health Care & Social Assistance	186,500	186,400	221,900	36,900	36,900	62,500	36,200	36,200	35,400
Ambulatory Health Care Services	71,300	71,100	78,100	11,900	12,100	22,300	14,900	15,000	14,000
Offices of Physicians	28,000	27,600	32,000						
Home Health Care Services	15,200	15,400	16,300						
Hospitals	57,000	57,000	65,800	18,400	18,200	20,700	11,300	11,300	10,500
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	51,600	51,600	55,100						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	34,100	34,100	45,300						
Nursing Care Facilities	24,800	24,800	28,500						
Social Assistance	24,100	24,200	32,700						
Leisure & Hospitality	175,700	175,700	214,800	59,700	58,300	86,400	33,800	33,800	31,800
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	29,500	29,900	38,600	7,100	6,300	14,700			
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	25,900	25,900	32,300	5,300	5,000	10,900			
Gambling Industries	15,200	15,200	19,100	3,000	2,800	5,700			
Casinos (except Casino hotels)	14,400	14,400	17,200						
Accommodation & Food Services	146,200	145,800	176,200	52,600	52,000	71,700	28,900	28,700	26,700
Accommodation	15,200	15,300	28,800	12,600	12,800	15,200			
Food Services & Drinking Places	131,000	130,500	147,400	40,000	39,200	56,500	26,000	25,900	24,200
Other Services	59,100	59,000	72,400	10,800	10,300	22,600	14,400	14,300	14,200
Repair & Maintenance	18,200	18,200	20,600						
Automotive Repair & Maintenance	10,200	10,200	11,600						
Personal & Laundry Services	14,600	14,800	18,000						
Government	357,600	360,300	371,500	88,200	90,400	103,400	74,500	74,500	72,400
Federal Government	32,800	33,400	34,100	12,600	13,500	15,600	3,700	3,500	2,600
State Government	111,000	111,500	116,000	24,000	23,900	26,700	39,100	39,500	39,500
Local Government	213,800	215,400	221,400	51,600	53,000	61,100	31,700	31,500	30,300



## LOUISIANA &amp; MSAs NONFARM EMPLOYMENT

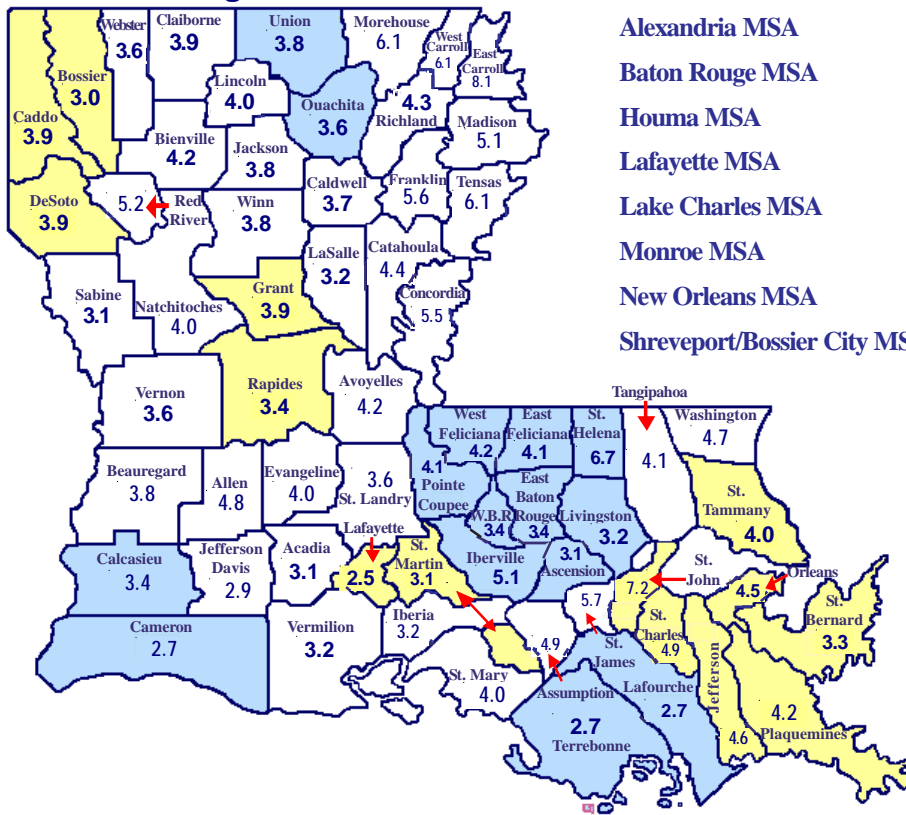
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	SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY MSA			LAFAYETTE MSA			LAKE CHARLES MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	AUG	JULY	AUG	AUG	JULY	AUG	AUG	JULY	AUG
<i>Not Seasonally Adjusted</i>	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	180,000	179,100	174,400	142,000	141,200	138,100	89,500	90,000	91,700
Total Private	146,200	145,400	141,000	126,200	125,500	122,500	74,900	75,300	76,900
Goods Producing	28,300	28,100	26,600	30,200	29,800	28,800	20,100	20,400	19,200
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction	13,900	13,900	12,100	21,900	21,600	20,500	12,400	12,700	10,100
Mining				15,200	14,900	13,800			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				13,300	13,200	12,700			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction	10,300	10,300	8,600						
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction							5,700	5,600	5,400
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction							4,700	4,600	4,400
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors									
Manufacturing	14,400	14,200	14,500	8,300	8,200	8,300	7,700	7,700	9,100
Durable Goods									
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	3,800	3,400	4,200						
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods							7,100	7,100	7,400
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.							5,500	5,600	6,800
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing							3,100	3,100	4,300
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artf. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	151,700	151,000	147,800	111,800	111,400	109,300	69,400	69,600	72,500
Private Service Providing	117,900	117,300	114,400	96,000	95,700	93,700	54,800	54,900	57,700
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	33,900	33,500	33,700	28,700	28,400	28,000	17,200	17,200	17,400
Wholesale Trade	7,000	7,000	7,100	6,800	6,800	6,600			
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	20,200	19,900	20,100	17,500	17,200	17,100	10,000	10,100	10,500
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise							3,400	3,400	3,500
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores	4,300	4,300	4,100	3,000	3,000	3,100			
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	6,700	6,600	6,500	4,400	4,400	4,300			
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation									
Support Activities for Water Transportation									
Information	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,300	3,300	3,200			
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities	7,500	7,600	7,300	8,900	8,900	8,500			
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	17,700	17,600	15,600	14,800	14,800	14,700	7,000	6,900	7,000
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services				6,900	6,900	6,700			
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.	8,500	8,400	8,200	5,600	5,600	5,600			
Administrative & Support Services									
Employment Services									
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	23,300	23,200	23,000	21,000	21,100	20,400			
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,200	22,100	22,000	19,700	19,700	18,800			
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	8,600	8,600	8,400	5,400	5,500	5,300	3,300	3,300	3,300
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	6,300	6,600	6,700						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	24,700	24,800	24,100	14,400	14,400	14,200	11,700	11,600	14,100
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	10,300	10,300	9,900						
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries	9,700	9,700	9,500						
Gambling Industries	8,200	8,200	8,400						
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services	14,400	14,500	14,200	13,200	13,200	12,600	10,500	10,400	10,900
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places	13,300	13,300	12,900	12,300	12,300	11,600			
Other Services	7,900	7,700	7,800	4,900	4,800	4,700			
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	33,800	33,700	33,400	15,800	15,700	15,600	14,600	14,700	14,800
Federal Government	4,600	4,600	4,700	1,100	1,100	1,100	600	600	700
State Government	10,700	10,800	10,100	4,500	4,300	4,700	4,100	4,100	3,800
Local Government	18,500	18,300	18,600	10,200	10,300	9,800	9,900	10,000	10,300

Not Seasonally Adjusted	MONROE MSA			HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- THIBODAUX MSA			ALEXANDRIA MSA		
	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV	PREL	REV	REV
	AUG	JULY	AUG	AUG	JULY	AUG	AUG	JULY	AUG
	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005	2006	2006	2005
Total Nonfarm	79,300	79,600	78,300	87,500	87,200	86,300	65,200	65,100	62,600
Total Private	65,500	65,600	64,700	73,800	73,300	72,200	50,300	50,200	47,800
Goods Producing	12,500	12,400	12,600	20,500	20,200	19,100	9,100	9,000	8,500
Natural Resources & Mining									
Natural Resources & Mining & Construction				14,500	14,400	13,200			
Mining				6,600	6,500	5,900			
Oil & Gas Extraction									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas Extraction									
Support Activities for Mining				6,000	5,900	5,300			
Drilling Oil & Gas Wells									
Construction									
Building, Development, General Construction, & Heavy Construction									
Construction of Buildings									
Residential Building Construction									
Nonresidential Building Construction									
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction									
Utility System Construction									
Specialty Trade Contractors				2,900	2,900	2,600			
Manufacturing	8,800	8,500	8,800						
Durable Goods				7,400	7,300	7,300			
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing									
Ship & Boat Building									
Nondurable Goods	5,900	5,600	5,900						
Food Manufacturing									
Paper Manufacturing									
Petroleum & Coal Products Mfg. & Chemical Mfg.									
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing									
Chemical Manufacturing									
Basic Chemical Manufacturing									
Resin, Synthetic Rubber, & Artif. & Synthetic Fibers & Filaments									
Service Providing	66,800	67,200	65,700	67,000	67,000	67,200	56,100	56,100	54,100
Private Service Providing	53,000	53,200	52,100	53,300	53,100	53,100	41,200	41,200	39,300
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	14,900	14,800	14,500	20,800	20,700	20,800	11,300	11,300	11,200
Wholesale Trade									
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods									
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods									
Retail Trade	9,900	9,900	9,600	10,200	10,200	10,300	7,900	7,900	7,600
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores, General Merchandise	3,500	3,400	3,400						
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers									
Building Material & Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers									
Food & Beverage Stores									
Grocery Stores									
Health & Personal Care Stores									
Gasoline Stations									
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores									
General Merchandise Stores									
Department Stores									
Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities									
Utilities									
Transportation and Warehousing									
Truck Transportation									
Support Activities for Transportation				4,400	4,400	4,400			
Support Activities for Water Transportation				4,300	4,200	4,100			
Information									
Telecommunications									
Financial Activities									
Finance & Insurance									
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities									
Depository Credit Intermediation									
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities									
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing									
Professional & Business Services	7,100	7,200	7,100						
Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services									
Legal Services									
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping & Payroll Services									
Architectural, Engineering, & Related Services									
Management of Companies & Enterprises									
Admin. & Support & Waste Mgmt. & Remediation Serv.									
Administrative & Support Services				4,700	4,700	4,500			
Employment Services				3,600	3,600	3,300			
Services to Buildings & Dwellings									
Educational & Health Services	13,200	13,300	13,200						
Educational Services									
Colleges, Universities, & Professional Schools									
Health Care & Social Assistance	12,500	12,600	12,600						
Ambulatory Health Care Services									
Offices of Physicians									
Home Health Care Services									
Hospitals	4,200	4,300	4,300				3,900	3,900	3,900
General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	3,500	3,600	3,600						
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities									
Nursing Care Facilities									
Social Assistance									
Leisure & Hospitality	6,500	6,600	6,700	6,200	6,100	7,000			
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation									
Amusement, Gambling, & Recreation Industries									
Gambling Industries									
Casinos (except Casino hotels)									
Accommodation & Food Services									
Accommodation									
Food Services & Drinking Places									
Other Services									
Repair & Maintenance									
Automotive Repair & Maintenance									
Personal & Laundry Services									
Government	13,800	14,000	13,600	13,700	13,900	14,100	14,900	14,900	14,800
Federal Government	600	600	600	400	400	400	2,800	2,800	2,700
State Government	4,500	4,500	4,500	3,000	3,200	3,100	5,300	5,300	5,300
Local Government	8,700	8,900	8,500	10,300	10,300	10,600	6,800	6,800	6,800

## Louisiana Unemployment Rates

## August 2006



## Statewide

3.8%

## Alexandria MSA

**3.5 %**

## Baton Rouge MSA

**3.5%**

## Houma MSA

2.7%

Lafayette MSA

**2.6 %**

## Lake Charles MSA

3.3 %

## Monroe MSA

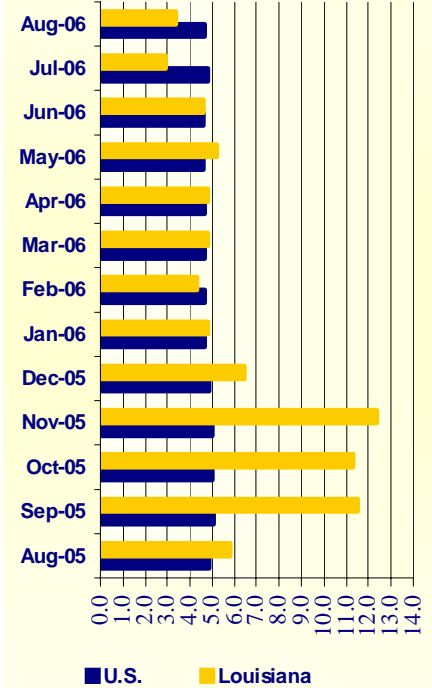
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## New Orleans MSA

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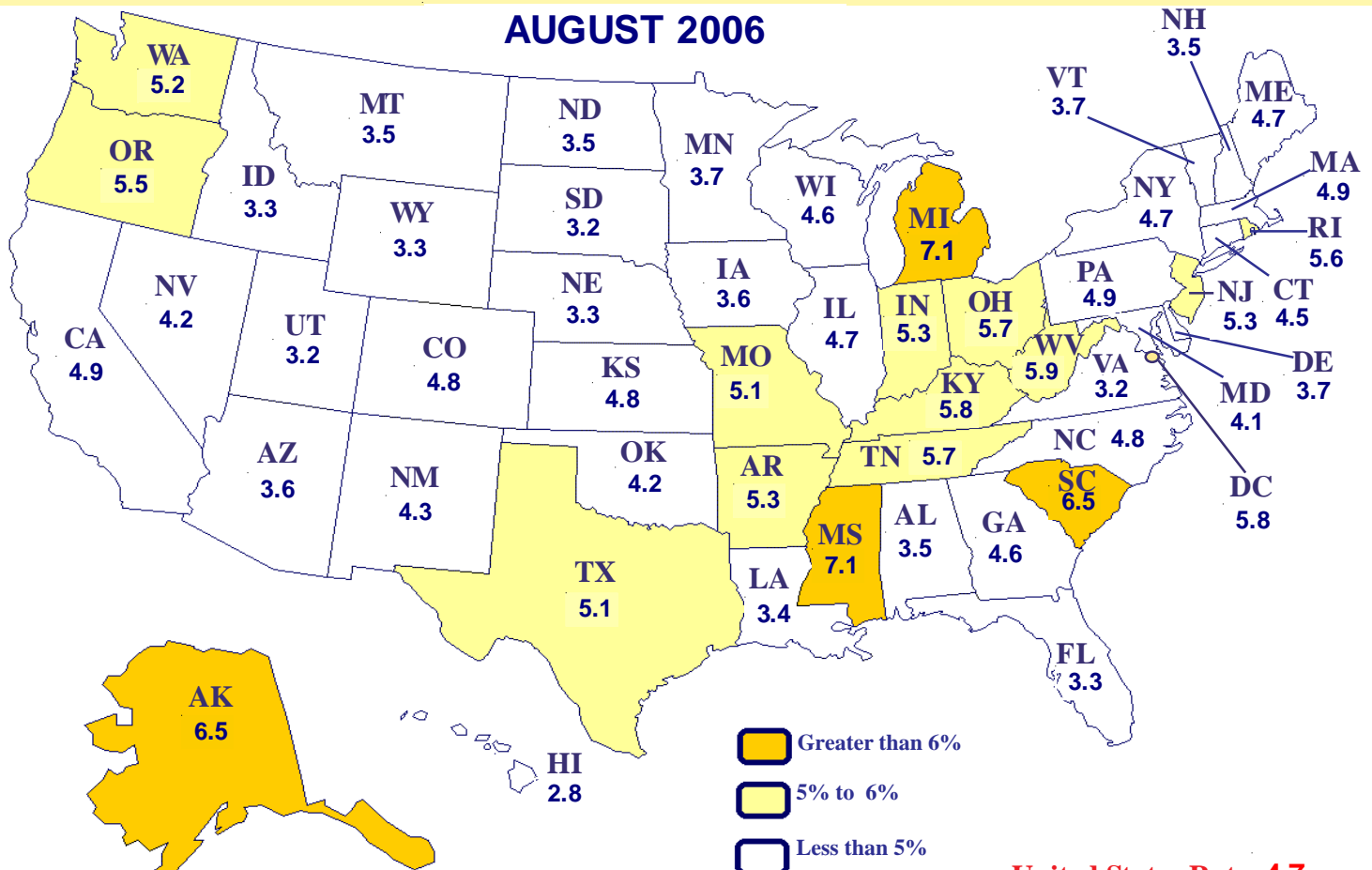
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**3.6 %**



### United States Unemployment Rates (Seasonally Adjusted)

# AUGUST 2006

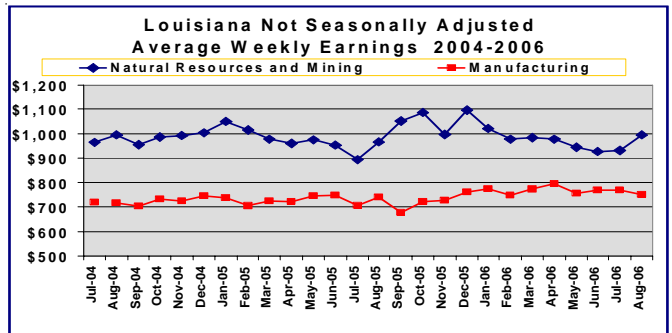
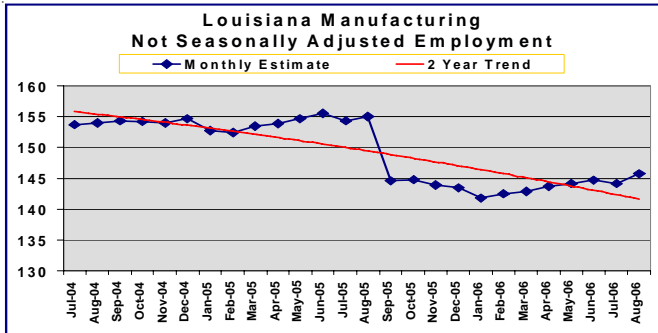
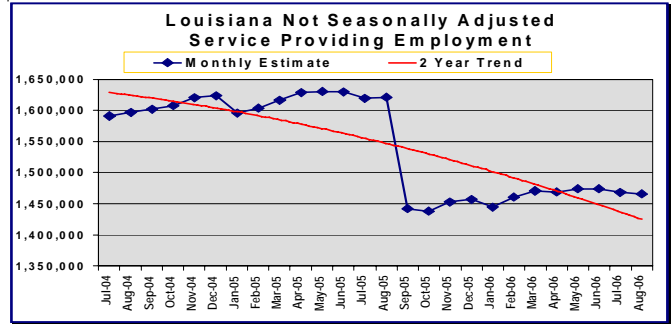


**United States Rate 4.7**

# CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Area	Preliminary August 2006			Preliminary (U.S. data is Revised) July 2006			Revised August 2005		
	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>145,379,000</b>	<b>7,086,000</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>145,606,000</b>	<b>7,602,000</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>143,142,000</b>	<b>7,327,000</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>1,790,329</b>	<b>69,892</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1,827,222</b>	<b>66,897</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2,010,170</b>	<b>123,996</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>ALEXANDRIA MSA</b>	<b>64,139</b>	<b>2,313</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>65,960</b>	<b>2,147</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>64,369</b>	<b>4,141</b>	<b>6.0</b>
Grant	7,978	324	3.9	8,205	288	3.4	8,007	575	6.7
Rapides	56,161	1,989	3.4	57,755	1,859	3.1	56,362	3,566	6.0
<b>BATON ROUGE MSA</b>	<b>338,641</b>	<b>12,327</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>345,088</b>	<b>11,646</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>341,919</b>	<b>21,076</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Ascension	41,709	1,355	3.1	42,503	1,303	3.0	42,113	2,333	5.2
East Baton Rouge	200,917	7,171	3.4	204,742	6,737	3.2	202,862	12,056	5.6
East Feliciana	7,776	334	4.1	7,924	278	3.4	7,852	553	6.6
Iberville	11,641	621	5.1	11,863	613	4.9	11,754	1,143	8.9
Livingston	49,082	1,633	3.2	50,016	1,543	3.0	49,557	2,784	5.3
Pointe Coupee	9,203	392	4.1	9,379	414	4.2	9,292	762	7.6
St. Helena	3,816	272	6.7	3,888	250	6.0	3,853	442	10.3
West Baton Rouge	9,941	351	3.4	10,130	331	3.2	10,037	633	5.9
West Feliciana	4,556	198	4.2	4,643	177	3.7	4,600	371	7.5
<b>HOUMA-BAYOU CANE- *THIBODAUX MSA</b>	<b>89,917</b>	<b>2,481</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>92,070</b>	<b>2,363</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>93,691</b>	<b>4,516</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Lafourche	42,666	1,170	2.7	43,687	1,136	2.5	44,456	2,091	4.5
Terrebonne	47,251	1,311	2.7	48,383	1,227	2.5	49,235	2,425	4.7
<b>LAFAYETTE MSA</b>	<b>121,067</b>	<b>3,290</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>123,444</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>122,629</b>	<b>5,732</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Lafayette	99,395	2,589	2.5	101,346	2,411	2.3	100,677	4,552	4.3
St. Martin	21,672	701	3.1	22,098	703	3.1	21,952	1,180	5.1
<b>LAKE CHARLES MSA</b>	<b>86,955</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>89,854</b>	<b>2,756</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>91,641</b>	<b>5,394</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Calcasieu	82,761	2,874	3.4	85,521	2,649	3.0	87,221	5,185	5.6
Cameron	4,194	117	2.7	4,333	107	2.4	4,420	209	4.5
<b>MONROE MSA</b>	<b>76,712</b>	<b>2,861</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>78,584</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>78,766</b>	<b>5,115</b>	<b>6.1</b>
Ouachita	67,053	2,479	3.6	68,689	2,284	3.2	68,848	4,464	6.1
Union	9,659	382	3.8	9,895	323	3.2	9,918	651	6.2
<b>NEW ORLEANS-METairie- *KENNER MSA</b>	<b>412,551</b>	<b>19,351</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>421,948</b>	<b>18,573</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>599,290</b>	<b>35,222</b>	<b>5.6</b>
Jefferson	152,201	7,273	4.6	155,668	7,012	4.3	221,094	12,040	5.2
New Orleans City/O rleans	131,538	6,214	4.5	134,534	5,835	4.2	191,078	13,398	6.6
Plaquem ines	7,756	337	4.2	7,933	336	4.1	11,267	657	5.5
St. Bernard	20,552	699	3.3	21,020	644	3.0	29,855	1,890	6.0
St. Charles	16,191	839	4.9	16,560	814	4.7	23,520	1,311	5.3
St. John Baptist	13,607	1,050	7.2	13,917	1,104	7.3	19,766	1,441	6.8
St. Tam many	70,707	2,939	4.0	72,317	2,829	3.8	102,711	4,486	4.2
<b>SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER *CITY MSA</b>	<b>171,708</b>	<b>6,423</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>175,375</b>	<b>6,436</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>172,942</b>	<b>10,940</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Bossier	48,785	1,485	3.0	49,827	1,464	2.9	49,136	2,563	5.0
Caddo	112,188	4,506	3.9	114,584	4,546	3.8	112,994	7,553	6.3
De Soto	10,735	432	3.9	10,965	426	3.7	10,812	823	7.1
<b>NON-MSA PARISHES</b>									
Acadia (Crowley) <sup>1</sup>	22,609	729	3.1	22,939	680	2.9	23,555	1,436	5.7
Allen	7,654	387	4.8	7,817	361	4.4	7,860	680	8.0
Assumption (Pierre Part) <sup>1</sup>	8,726	445	4.9	8,933	450	4.8	9,181	851	8.5
Avoyelles	14,547	637	4.2	14,702	620	4.0	14,866	1,168	7.3
Beauregard (DeRidder) <sup>1</sup>	12,893	512	3.8	12,888	521	3.9	13,392	898	6.3
Bienville	5,743	252	4.2	5,921	243	3.9	5,902	503	7.9
Caldwell	3,971	152	3.7	4,062	142	3.4	4,163	329	7.3
Catahoula	3,908	180	4.4	3,926	169	4.1	3,939	324	7.6
Claiborne	6,610	270	3.9	6,667	249	3.6	6,672	446	6.3
Concordia (Natchez, MS-LA) <sup>1</sup>	6,521	377	5.5	6,728	394	5.5	6,666	704	9.6
East Carroll	2,493	219	8.1	2,496	219	8.1	2,597	379	12.7
Evangeline	11,219	468	4.0	11,259	442	3.8	11,537	785	6.4
Franklin	6,946	409	5.6	7,071	384	5.2	7,237	675	8.5
Iberia (New Iberia) <sup>1</sup>	30,650	1,026	3.2	30,761	992	3.1	31,466	1,871	5.6
Jackson (Ruston) <sup>1</sup>	5,880	233	3.8	6,024	195	3.1	6,084	387	6.0
Jefferson Davis (Jennings) <sup>1</sup>	13,181	397	2.9	13,497	380	2.7	13,772	713	4.9
La Salle	5,497	180	3.2	5,604	169	2.9	5,631	310	5.2
Lincoln (Ruston) <sup>1</sup>	16,862	697	4.0	17,275	666	3.7	17,446	1,143	6.1
Madison (Tallulah) <sup>1</sup>	4,208	228	5.1	4,152	242	5.5	4,346	423	8.9
Morehouse (Bastrop) <sup>1</sup>	10,276	663	6.1	10,568	614	5.5	10,708	1,128	9.5
Natchitoches (Natchitoches) <sup>1</sup>	16,150	668	4.0	16,117	627	3.7	16,769	1,178	6.6
Red River	3,019	164	5.2	3,066	155	4.8	3,097	324	9.5
Richland	7,812	354	4.3	7,995	329	4.0	8,029	658	7.6
Sabine	8,761	279	3.1	8,983	264	2.9	9,070	545	5.7
St. James	7,776	469	5.7	7,920	442	5.3	8,548	825	8.8
St. Landry (Opelousas, Eunice) <sup>1</sup>	34,562	1,295	3.6	35,444	1,213	3.3	35,183	2,201	5.9
St. Mary (Morgan City) <sup>1</sup>	19,990	839	4.0	20,760	813	3.8	20,954	1,760	7.7
Tangipahoa (Hammond) <sup>1</sup>	44,349	1,885	4.1	44,703	1,830	3.9	47,349	3,119	6.2
Tensas	1,977	128	6.1	1,994	123	5.8	2,060	211	9.3
Vermilion (Abbeville) <sup>1</sup>	21,615	715	3.2	21,951	680	3.0	22,391	1,213	5.1
Vernon (Fort Polk South) <sup>1</sup>	19,440	716	3.6	19,696	857	4.2	20,070	1,252	5.9
Washington (Bogalusa) <sup>1</sup>	14,143	700	4.7	14,268	665	4.5	15,347	1,199	7.2
Webster (Minden) <sup>1</sup>	18,795	693	3.6	18,913	663	3.4	18,846	1,311	6.5
West Carroll	3,939	255	6.1	3,849	248	6.1	4,110	512	11.1
Winn	5,915	234	3.8	5,954	215	3.5	6,082	399	6.2

The 110,700 workers in all manufacturing earned an average of \$751.02 per week in August 2006. Average weekly hours worked in August were 44.1, and average hourly earnings were \$17.03.



AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES												
	Louisiana			New Orleans MSA			Baton Rouge MSA			Shreveport-Bossier City MSA		
	AUG 2006	JULY 2006	AUG 2005	AUG 2006	JULY 2006	AUG 2005	AUG 2006	JULY 2006	AUG 2005	AUG 2006	JULY 2006	AUG 2005
<b>Average Weekly Earnings \$</b>												
Natural Resources & Mining	996.22	932.14	967.76									
Mining	1,005.86	1,021.64	975.10									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	1,340.27	1,351.98	1,246.88									
Support Act for Mining	1,034.00	960.96	963.19									
Manufacturing	751.02	768.65	740.89	904.61	926.21	941.29	875.57	862.54	784.58			
Durable Goods	763.60	765.32	760.59									
Transportation Equipment	842.90	854.46	901.34	887.73	800.29	710.94				1,021.50	1,144.44	1,370.54
Ship & Boat Building	778.17	792.05	801.17	659.89	659.89	710.94						
Nondurable Goods	737.44	771.27	717.34	904.61	926.21	941.29	1,115.17	1,150.52	1,099.56			
Food Manufacturing	429.73	506.27	447.93									
Paper Manufacturing	928.20	1,018.44	795.76									
Petroleum & Coal Products	897.70	897.70	936.36									
Chemical Manufacturing	1,202.88	1,260.55	1,110.41	1,452.02	1,538.07	1,438.25	1,508.04	1,548.42	1,483.45			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	1,300.49	1,364.72	1,317.21				1,557.09	1,643.28	1,480.25			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							1,167.48	1,132.88	1,234.53			
<b>Average Weekly Hours</b>												
Natural Resources & Mining	44.1	41.8	49.2									
Mining	43.3	44.4	49.0									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	43.9	44.4	43.1									
Support Act for Mining	44.0	41.6	49.7									
Manufacturing	44.1	43.5	43.0	44.3	43.2	39.7	44.4	43.3	41.6			
Durable Goods	46.0	45.8	45.3									
Transportation Equipment	42.7	42.3	45.8	44.1	41.9	41.6				40.6	38.9	45.7
Ship & Boat Building	42.2	43.4	47.1	38.5	38.5	41.6						
Nondurable Goods	41.9	40.7	40.3	44.3	43.2	39.7	47.8	47.7	39.2			
Food Manufacturing	41.6	41.6	40.5									
Paper Manufacturing	45.3	49.2	40.6									
Petroleum & Coal Products	49.9	49.9	40.5									
Chemical Manufacturing	44.7	47.3	40.6	46.9	47.9	46.5	56.8	59.9	46.3			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	47.0	49.5	41.5				60.8	65.6	46.2			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							47.0	47.6	47.3			
<b>Average Hourly Earnings \$</b>												
Natural Resources & Mining	22.59	22.30	19.67									
Mining	23.23	23.01	19.90									
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	30.53	30.45	28.93									
Support Act for Mining	23.50	23.10	19.38									
Manufacturing	17.03	17.67	17.23	20.42	21.44	23.71	19.72	19.92	18.86			
Durable Goods	16.60	16.71	16.79									
Transportation Equipment	19.74	20.20	19.68	20.13	19.10	17.09				25.16	29.42	29.99
Ship & Boat Building	18.44	18.25	17.01	17.14	17.14	17.09						
Nondurable Goods	17.60	18.95	17.80	20.42	21.44	23.71	23.33	24.12	28.05			
Food Manufacturing	10.33	12.17	11.06									
Paper Manufacturing	20.49	20.70	19.60									
Petroleum & Coal Products	17.99	17.99	23.12									
Chemical Manufacturing	26.91	26.65	27.35	30.96	32.11	30.93	26.55	25.85	32.04			
Basic Chemical Manufacturing	27.67	27.57	31.74				25.61	25.05	32.04			
Resin, Synthetic Rubber							24.84	23.80	26.10			



# LOUISIANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BY CLAIMANT'S PARISH OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING - August 12, 2006

RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED	RLMA/PARISH	INITIAL CLAIMS	WEEKS CLAIMED
<b>RLMA 1</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>RLMA 4</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>2,252</b>	<b>RLMA 7</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>3,973</b>
JEFFERSON	69	1,202	ACADIA	10	157	BIENVILLE	5	104
ORLEANS	59	734	EVANGELINE	17	164	BOSSIER	52	600
PLAQUEMINES	3	57	IBERIA	62	254	CADDO	151	2,094
ST. BERNARD	0	34	LAFAYETTE	67	644	CLAIBORNE	14	105
ST. CHARLES	11	182	ST. LANDRY	55	392	DESOTO	8	165
ST. JAMES	13	240	ST. MARTIN	14	201	LINCOLN	34	265
ST. JOHN	23	262	ST. MARY	26	224	NATCHITOCHE	33	247
ST. TAMMANY	50	530	VERMILION	10	216	RED RIVER	12	51
						SABINE	11	65
						WEBSTER	18	277
<b>RLMA 2</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>RLMA 5</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>RLMA 8</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>2,065</b>
ASCENSION	28	478	ALLEN	13	118	CALDWELL	6	56
E. BATON ROUGE	228	2,429	BEAUREGARD	20	220	EAST CARROLL	5	101
EAST FELICIANA	11	92	CALCASIEU	139	940	FRANKLIN	9	150
IBERVILLE	25	211	CAMERON	2	10	JACKSON	4	92
LIVINGSTON	44	517	JEFF. DAVIS	18	116	MADISON	8	66
POINTE COUPEE	12	167				MOREHOUSE	30	351
ST. HELENA	8	55	<b>RLMA 6</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,750</b>	OUACHITA	82	941
TANGIPAHOA	59	607	AVOYELLES	13	199	RICHLAND	11	123
WASHINGTON	48	198	CATAHOULA	6	57	TENSAS	4	21
W. BATON ROUGE	20	114	CONCORDIA	17	99	UNION	11	111
WEST FELICIANA	4	32	GRANT	10	113	WEST CARROLL	9	53
			LASALLE	2	52			
<b>RLMA 3</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>613</b>	RAPIDES	50	770			
ASSUMPTION	14	168	VERNON	17	397			
LAFOURCHE	36	225	W INN	9	63			
TERREBONNE	35	220						

RLMA = REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA

THE ABOVE FIGURES INCLUDE REGULAR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (UI), UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE), and UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS for EX-SERVICE MEMBERS (UCX) DATA ONLY.

THESE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE INITIAL AND CONTINUED CLAIMS FOR DUA (DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE).

## Labor Market Questions and Answers!



### Where do the nonfarm numbers come from?

- Employers selected by random sampling are asked to provide the Louisiana Department of Labor with employment levels for the week of the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. The survey results provide data at the state and MSA level for nonfarm jobs. The employment estimates are only as good as the responses received within a two week time period. Therefore, the higher the survey's rate of return, the greater the accuracy of the estimated employment.



### Why aren't the construction job counts higher when I see all of the building activity in my area?

- Since this is an employer based survey, the jobs are counted in the parish that the employer's payroll is paid. For example, if the company's home office is in Baton Rouge but the job is in Alexandria, then the jobs will be counted in Baton Rouge. There is no separate employer survey for job location vs. business location.



### What is the 2006 revision change to the civilian labor force series?

- The Bureau of Labor Statistics has eliminated regular revisions to the monthly preliminary estimates. As an example, the preliminary January 2006 data will not be revised with the release of February's civilian labor force estimates. All of the 2006 monthly labor force series will be preliminary until revised in March 2007 as part of the normal annual benchmarking process.



### Where are the labor force statistics for parishes in the New Orleans MSA previously not available from September 2005 to July 2006?

- Labor force data for parishes within the New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) are now available and can be found historically on the Louisiana Department of Labor's Web site [www.LAWORKS.net](http://www.LAWORKS.net). Scroll over the tab at the top of the page for Labor Market Information, select LOIS/Scorecard and scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Labor Force. Caution should be used when making comparisons with 2005 data for areas affected by Hurricane Katrina since controlling data used in the estimation process cannot fully reflect the known shifts in the population.

Have a question you would like to have answered? Email us at [OOIS@ldol.state.la.us](mailto:OOIS@ldol.state.la.us)

# GLOSSARY & TECHNICAL NOTES

**Average Hourly Earnings/Average Weekly Earnings/ Average Weekly Hours (CES/BLS)** - average total money earnings, in the survey week (i.e., the week that includes the twelfth of the month), of production workers plus nonsupervisory workers not in production, including overtime, paid vacation and sick leave.

**Civilian Labor Force** - that portion of the population, age sixteen or older, which is employed or unemployed and actively seeking employment during the reference week of the twelfth of the month.

**Employed** - the members of the labor force who worked for pay or profit, or had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute, or other reasons not reflecting a shortage of work, or who worked fifteen hours or more as unpaid workers in an enterprise operated by a member of the family.

**Unemployed** - the members of the labor force who did not work but were seeking work or were awaiting recall from layoffs or the beginning of a new job within thirty days.

**Unemployment Rate** - the number of unemployed persons expressed as percentage of the labor force.

**Continued Claim** - each week claimed subsequent to the filing of the initial claim for a week of unemployment compensation.

**Current Employment Statistics (CES)** - estimates of nonfarm employment and production workers hours and earnings by industry. They are produced as part of a nationwide program, in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), for the state and each metropolitan statistical area (MSA) from a sample of employing establishments.

**Current Population Survey (CPS)** - a monthly household survey of the U.S. population conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) by the Bureau of Census, of 56,000 selected households. Respondents are interviewed to obtain information on the employment status of each household member age 16 and over, during the reference week of the twelfth.

**Durable Goods** - items with a normal life expectancy of three years or more. Automobiles, furniture, household appliances, and mobile homes are examples.

**Initial Claims** - a new claim, filed to open a claim for unemployment compensation.

**Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)** - a geographical area comprised of a parish generally containing a central city (or twin cities) of 50,000 inhabitants or more and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

**Micropolitan Statistical Area (MC)** - a geographical area comprised of a parish containing a central city of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 inhabitants and contiguous parishes that are socially and economically integrated with the central city.

**NAICS (North American Industry Classification System)** - an industry classification system that groups establishments into industries based on the activities in which they are primarily engaged.

**Nonfarm Employment** - employment by place of work that does not include the self employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, or agriculture workers. All estimates of nonfarm employment in this publication are in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics and include all full-time and part-time workers who were employed during the pay period including the twelfth of the month.

**Nondurable Goods** - items that generally last for only a short period of time (less than three years). Food, beverages, apparel, and gasoline are common examples.

**Seasonally Adjusted** - monthly data that is adjusted to minimize the changes in any time series which result from normal annual occurrences such as Christmas, summer vacations, and weather patterns.

**Subsector** - refers to the three-digit NAICS code, which will fall under the particular sector. Example: If Manufacturing (31-33) is the industry sector, then Food manufacturing (311), Paper manufacturing (322), Chemical manufacturing (325), Transportation equipment manufacturing (336), are some of the subsectors of manufacturing.

**Supersector** - refers to these five categories: Total Nonfarm, Total Private, Goods Producing, Service Providing, and Private Service Providing.

**Summary Industry Sector** - a combination of industry sectors. A summary sector may or may not be published. The summary industry sectors are Natural Resources & Mining; Natural Resources & Mining & Construction; Construction; Manufacturing; Trade, Transportation, & Utilities; Information; Financial Activities; Professional & Business Services; Educational & Health Services; Leisure & Hospitality; Other Services; and Government.

**Industry Sector** - 20 industry sectors based on two-digit NAICS code. They are Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (11), Mining (21), Utilities (22), Construction (23), Manufacturing (31-33), Wholesale Trade (42), Retail Trade (44-45), Transportation and Warehousing (48-49), Information (51), Finance and Insurance (52), Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53), Professional and Technical Services (54), Management of Companies and Enterprises (55), Administrative and Waste Services (56), Educational Services (61), Health Care and Social Assistance (62), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71), Accommodation and Food Services (72), Other Services (81), and Public Administration (92).

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## Constraints of the monthly civilian labor force and nonfarm employment estimates:

The civilian labor force estimates are derived by a monthly survey of approximately 750 households throughout Louisiana following the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) methodology. The US Census Bureau conducts the survey by calling randomly selected households and providing BLS with survey results. Households are asked for the number of residents who are sixteen and over and whether they were working or actively looking for work during the week of the twelfth of the month. Responses to these questions become part of the formula to determine the number of people employed and the number of individuals unemployed for the state, MSAs, and each parish every month.

The nonfarm employment estimates are derived from responses received from the monthly BLS survey of 2,757 businesses across the state surveyed directly by this agency, and an additional 2,500 businesses that respond directly to BLS with their employment data. Responses capture employment activity during the twelfth of each month. This survey relies on responses from these businesses to produce industry employment levels for the state and all metropolitan statistical areas.

Both data sets are comparable with estimates for the U.S., all 50 states, and 270 metropolitan areas across the U.S.



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Consumer Price Index (US) <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/survey/most?cu>

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NAICS Codes Look Up Table <http://www.census.gov/epcd/naics02/>

Nonfarm Wage & Salary Employment (both LA & US) <http://www.voshost.com/altentry.asp?action=lmiguest>  
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Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (LA and parishes) [http://www.laworks.net/qm\\_LMIWageData20054.asp](http://www.laworks.net/qm_LMIWageData20054.asp)  
(US) <http://stats.bls.gov/cew/home.htm>

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